

CORRIDOR Q: ROUTE 460/121 POPLAR CREEK PHASE B

Virginia Department of Transportation

 Question and Answer Meeting

May 11, 2021

Welcome and Important Notes

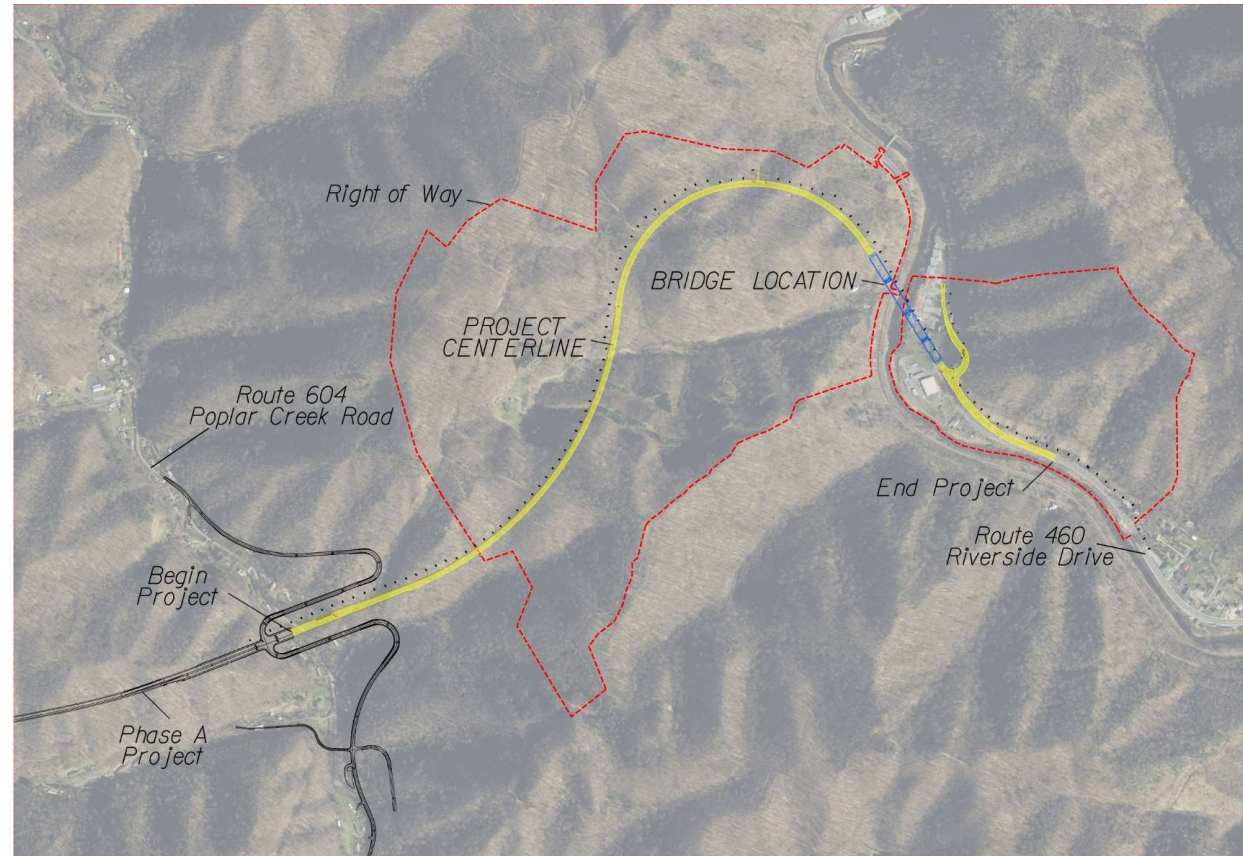
- Question and Answer Session for the Poplar Creek B project in Buchanan County
- Agenda includes a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer session. Intended to be informal and offer opportunities for the public to interact with the project team.
- Tonight's session is being streamed live and recorded on our VDOT Live YouTube Channel. The recording will be available publicly in the coming days at VirginiaDOT.org/PoplarCreekPhaseB.
- Attendees will be muted throughout the duration of the presentation.

Question and answer session is separate from the project's Location and Design Public Hearing scheduled for May 18 at 5 p.m.

- Not producing a transcript – tonight's Q&A will not be included in public hearing record.
- If you wish to submit formal comment or other input to be included in the project's public record, you can do so through multiple comment methods.

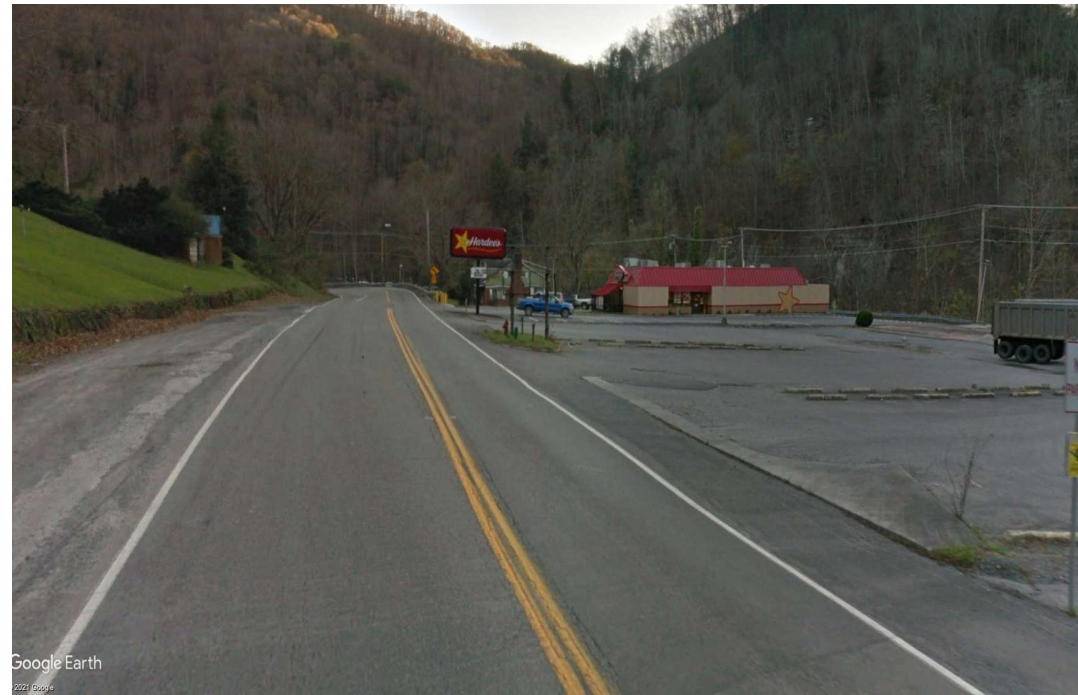
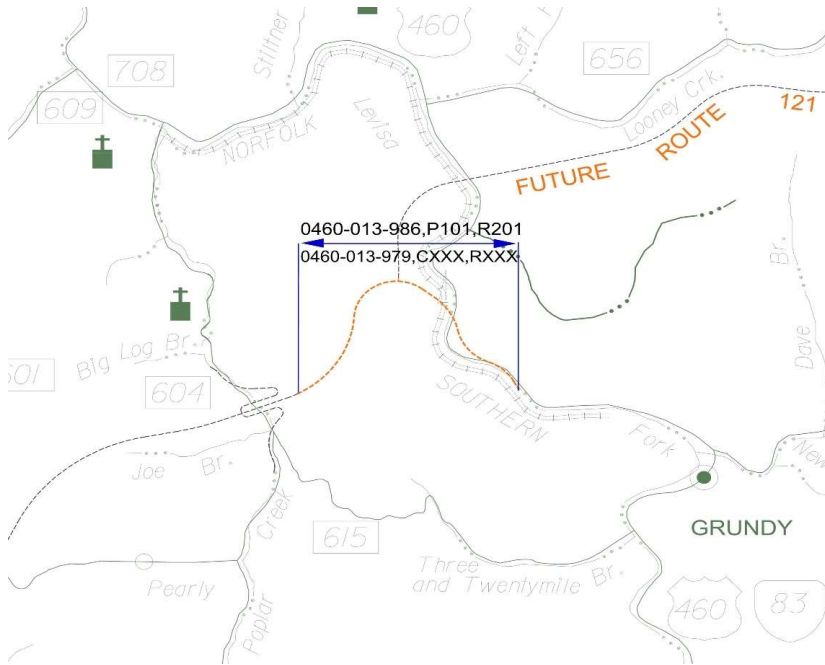
Overview

- Construction of approximately 1.86 miles of two-lane highway with truck climbing lanes on new alignment.
- Completes Corridor Q in Virginia.
- Connects Kentucky Route 460 to Route 460 in Grundy



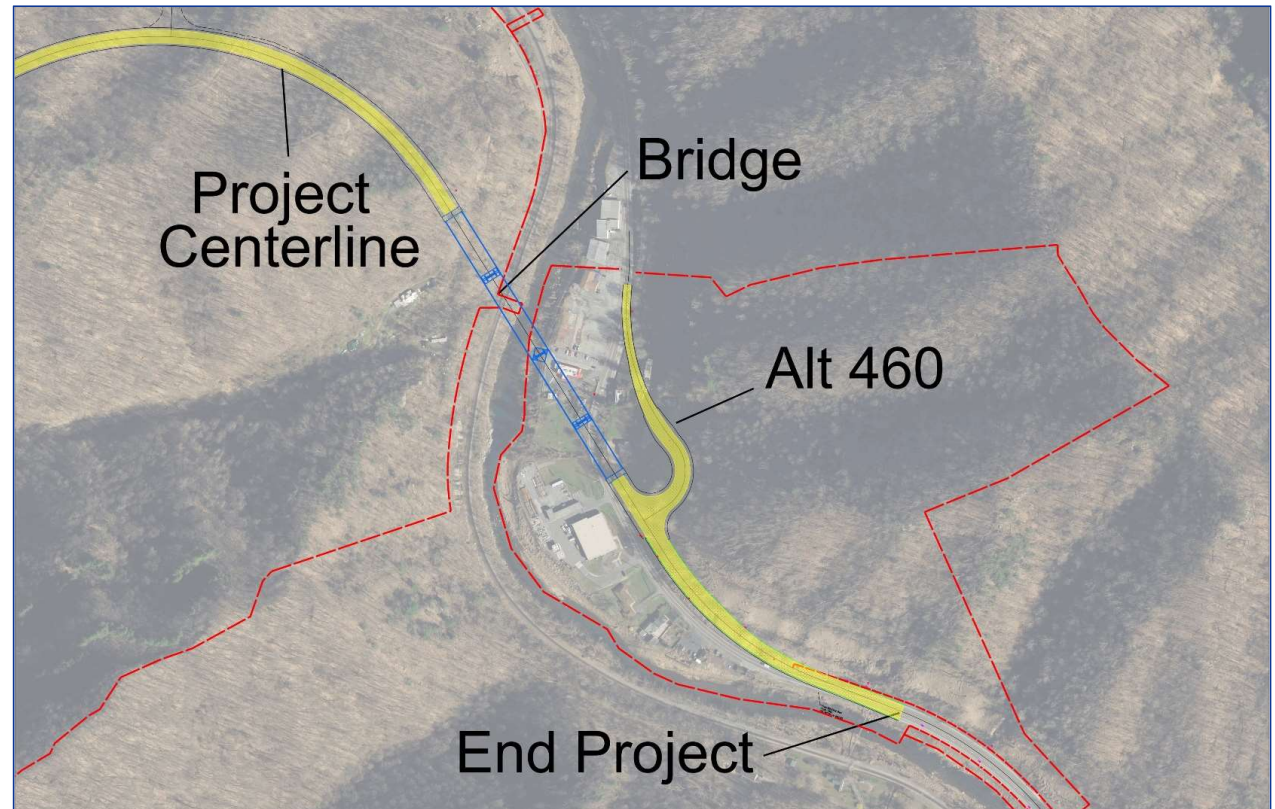
Overview

The project is proposed to extend from the east end of U.S. 460/121 Poplar Creek Phase A Section, near State Route 604 (Poplar Creek Road), to existing U.S. Route 460 in Grundy. The Phase B project proposes crossing the Levisa Fork River with a bridge.



Overview

- Construction of a 1,099-foot bridge crossing the Levisa Fork River.
- Includes 3 Piers
- Bridge height will range from 150 feet at Pier 1 to 86 feet at Pier 3.



Purpose

The Poplar Creek Phase B Project will:

- Improve system linkage, intermodal connection, roadway deficiencies, corridor mobility, safety, and capacity.
- Provide economic development opportunities.
- The project will link on-going and completed sections of Corridor Q (US 460), in both Virginia and Kentucky, and complete construction of Corridor Q in Virginia.
- Phase B will include improved two-lane capacity with truck climbing lanes and limited access.

Right of Way

- **As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate construction.**
- **Property owners will be notified prior to construction.**
- **Right of way acquisition will begin Summer 2021.**
- **All right of way acquisitions will be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation and Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended in 1987.**

Right of Way

- **Approximately 390 acres of proposed right of way and easements**
- **Right of way will be acquired from 39 properties**
- **Appraisals and first contacts expected Late Spring/Summer 2021**
- **Point of contact will be Rick Lively of 3B Consulting Services, LLC at 276-880-0121.**

Public meeting documents available on project page

- **Project Plans**
- **Project Display**
- **Typical Sections**
- **Construction Plan Sheet**
- **Cross Sections**
- **Project Brochure**
- **Comment Sheet (PDF and online survey)**
- **Meeting Advertisement**
- **Environmental Documentation**
- **Civil Rights Survey**

Environmental Document (NEPA Re-evaluation)

FHWA and VDOT drafted a NEPA Re-evaluation document for the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

VDOT is accepting comments on the document until May 28, 2021.

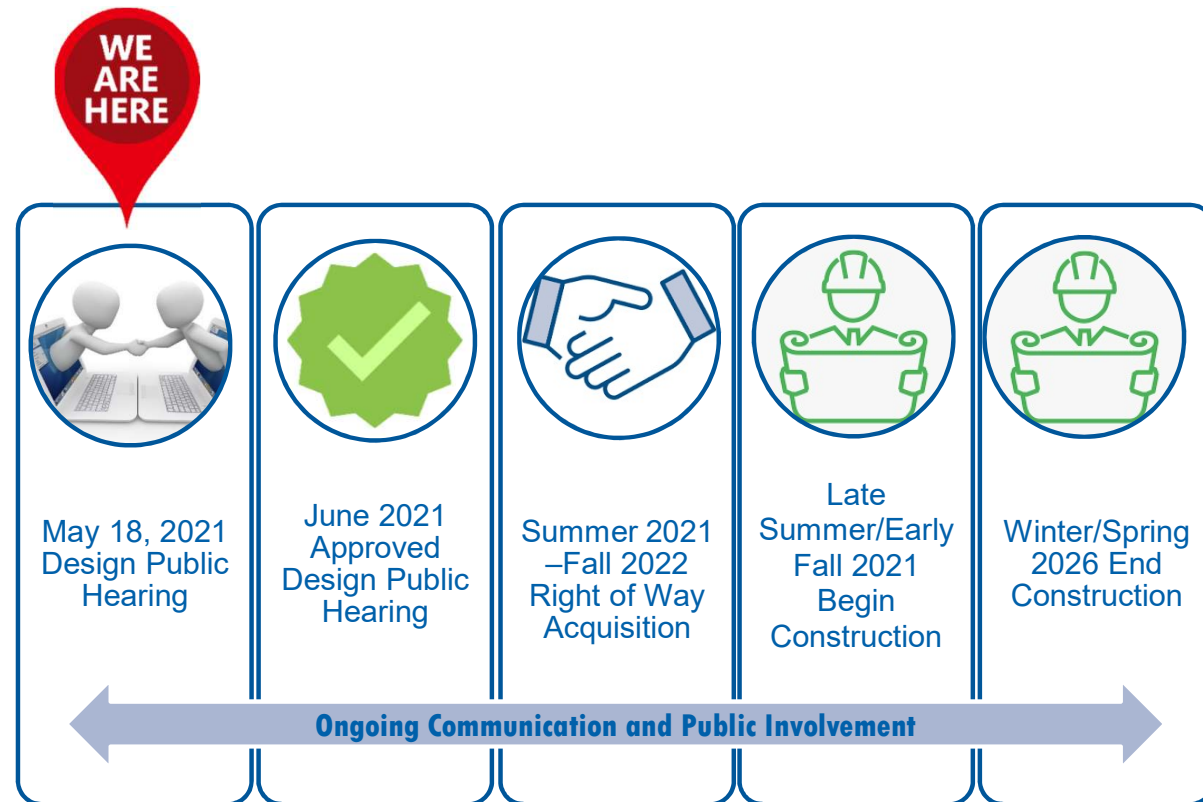
email bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov or call 276-696-3322

Following the close of the public comment period, VDOT will review the comments on the re-evaluation, update the document accordingly, then seek to complete the re-evaluation process with FHWA.

Funding and Estimate

Preliminary Engineering:	\$25 million
Right of Way:	\$13 million
Construction:	<u>\$162 million</u> \$200 million

Timeline



QUESTION AND ANSWER PORTION OF MEETING

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Bailey, Zachary, 5/5/2021

How to Ask Your Question Using the “Chat” Feature

- Write your question using the Chat function. We will read the questions aloud and answer them in the order received.
- If you prefer to state your question aloud, please type your name in the Chat. When your name is called, you will be unmuted to ask your question.
- We will turn the Chat function “on and off” in intervals, so that we can manage all questions received.

When the Chat function is “on,” all participants will be able to see all messages. We ask that you only write in questions. The Chat function should not be used for any other type of commentary during the meeting.

How to Ask Your Question if “Calling by Phone”

- **Press *3 to "raise your hand"** and to be added to the queue to ask your question.
- We will announce when it is your turn to ask your question, and we will unmute your phone line.
- You will hear "your line has been unmuted" after which you will be able to ask your question. Once you have asked your question, **press *3 again to “lower your hand.”** You will be muted again at this time to avoid echo and feedback due to the number of participants.

How to submit comments and/or questions



Please submit comments using any of the four methods below by **May 28, 2021**.



Via Phone

(276) 696-3322
1-800-367-7623
TTY/TDD 711



Email

Bristolinfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov
*Please reference "Poplar Creek Phase B"
in the subject line.*



Mail Us

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2111 Bonham Road
Bristol VA 24201
ATTN: Laura Beth Hale



Comment Sheet

Printable and online comment
sheets available at:
[https://www.virginiadot.org/
PoplarCreekPhaseB](https://www.virginiadot.org/PoplarCreekPhaseB)

Q&A Comment Options:

- By Webex - Use the Chat feature (bottom right-hand corner) to type your name and question. Or simply type your name in the chat to read your question aloud.
- By Phone - dial *3 to "raise your hand".
- Please note, questions made during the Q&A Session will not be part of the project record. Refer to the 4 methods above to make official comments.



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Virtual Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 (5 p.m.)

- Join through WebEx
- Join by phone
- **Watch on YouTube**

Go to VirginiaDOT.org/PoplarCreekPhaseB to find log-in information

Hearing Format:

- Speakers to formally present public hearing presentation of NEPA Reevaluation findings and preliminary design plans.
- Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to provide comments. Sign up in advance by calling 276-676-3322.
- Speakers are limited to 3 minutes to speak as an individual, 5 minutes are allotted if speaking for a group.
- Questions and answer session to follow public comment if time allows.

Ways to provide comments

- Project information has been available to the public since April 17, 2021. Public comments on the NEPA Reevaluation and proposed design can be submitted until May 28, 2021 to be formally considered and included in public record.

Ways to Provide Comments After Hearing:

- Online Comment Form: VirginiaDOT.org/PoplarCreekPhaseB
 - *survey or PDF to print/mail*
 - *Please take Civil Rights Survey, also located on the public meeting page*
- Email: Send emails to bristolinfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov (Subject: Poplar Creek Phase B)
- Mail: Mail comments to VDOT Bristol District Office, Attn: Laura Beth Hale, 2111 Bonham Road, Bristol, Virginia 24201
- In Person: Schedule an appointment by calling 276-880-0121.
- Phone: Comments can be provided by phone by calling 276-696-3322.

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 Thank you for participating!

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